

The Yellow Fever in Augusta.

We have been politely permitted to make the following extracts from a letter received in this city, dated Augusta, Ga., the 21st inst.:

"You no doubt have had heard of the excitement in this city. You cannot imagine the result of the report of yellow fever being in our midst. The populace did not wait to satisfy themselves of the fact, but preparations were made to leave, and all who could do so, have departed. The poor were sent off by the Mayor. Those who had a little fortitude remained until some prominent individual was attacked by the disease, when they left. The more the city is deserted. By day, you see the few, who are in the street, in a great hurry, as if they had no time to lose. Night comes, and the streets are deserted, not a footstep or a voice to be heard save that of the watchman taking his round, and crying aloud the time of night."

"Among those who are sick and have died, are some of our best citizens."

"The disease is bad, but it has but little material to work upon. There are some deaths to-day, and I anticipate the number will increase until frost. The business is suspended. The banks cannot send off money packages, as the post-office is in such a crippled condition in consequence of the clerks having left, that the Postmaster is scarcely able to do anything. The stores are all closing, and there is a rumor that all the Hotels except the Augusta will close. The Phoenix is to-morrow. The United States will follow suit. The negroes appear, also, to have imbibed the stampede. Those hired from the country are ordered home, *nolens volens*. You cannot hire one, especially to nurse the sick, as they appear to think it certain death even to see a sick person."

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Communications.

FOR THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE.

LOANCOON.

Or Letters to a Member of the Legislature of North Carolina.

DEAR SIR:—You have been elected to represent a portion of the people of this State in the next Legislature. You have been elected to that responsible office with your own consent—you have even sought the station you now occupy. As a candidate before the people, did you tell them the objects you had in view? Did you try to impress it upon the minds of the people that you sought your country's good? Would you not have been deeply grieved if the people had been otherwise impressed than that you were a patriot; willing to sacrifice your own good fortune for the peace and safety of your country? You answer undoubtedly is, "All this I steadfastly desired." Very well. Are you now prepared to practice what you have preached? Are you ready to march boldly and fearlessly up to the discharge of your duty, in the performance of such acts as tend to the salvation of the country you have so much at heart? If this be your determination, let me ask you to look around and see what great evils are in the people's way to peace and prosperity. If in casting your eye about you should see some monster evil, snuffing the foundations of the public good, will you as a new politician, throw your energies to the removal of that evil?

There are many evils of greater or less magnitude, the removal of which would help forward the prosperity and honor of our Republic. But the greatest evil, the last and least of all evils to be removed from human institutions, you would merely suggest to the larger stumbling blocks be thrown out of the path. And prudence always will dictate the necessity of striking first at the greatest evil. The negroes appear, also, to have imbibed the stampede. Those hired from the country are ordered home, *nolens volens*. You cannot hire one, especially to nurse the sick, as they appear to think it certain death even to see a sick person."

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News of the Day.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT NEAR CINCINNATI.

Quite a serious accident occurred on Wednesday last, on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad, near Cincinnati, by the cars being thrown off the track. The Gazette says:

The baggage car was thrown off the track, but remained on the embankment; the first passenger car was turned upside down into the Whitewater canal, the second car was turned on its side also in the canal, and the third car was turned at an angle across the embankment, a portion of the car passing over it. The scene that followed the moment the cars were precipitated into the canal can never be described. The shrieks and cries of men, women and children endeavoring to extricate themselves from the cars, produced the greatest commotion. In less than two minutes a hundred people were assembled at the scene of the disaster, and were using every effort to rescue and relieve the unfortunate. All were buried in the water, which stood three feet in the cars. About thirty persons were injured.

The dwelling-house and kitchen of Mr. John Davis, of Union county, was consumed by fire on Sunday last.

We learn that CHARLES F. FISHER, Esq., of Salisbury has consented to run as the Democratic candidate for that Senatorial District.

The Central Railroad is progressing rapidly. It is finished about five miles on this side of the Depot at Concord. Mr. Ed. Summer, assistant Engineer, informs us that it will be completed to Spencer by Christmas.

The Ravages of the Yellow Fever in New Orleans are shocking. The report of the mortality during the week before last, and the total is 530, of which no less than 340 deaths were from the epidemic, while the extraordinary number of 190 deaths were from other diseases. The papers inform us, as is an increase of 40 over the aggregate mortality of the preceding week, which was 494.

The deaths from yellow fever averaged over 48 daily. The total mortality at Savannah for the week ending 28th ult. was 439 from yellow fever, and the number of deaths from fever range from fifteen to twenty per day.

GATHERINGS IN NORFOLK.—In a few weeks, a large number of strangers and visitors will assemble in our city. The hotels, boarding houses, and many private family dwellings will be crowded. The annual exhibition of the Seaboard Agricultural Society will be held on the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th of October; the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church will meet on the 28th and 29th; the annual meeting of the Ministers of the Baptist Church will be held on the 30th and 31st; and the Annual Convention of the Methodist E. Church, the last week in November.—*Beacon*.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 21.—The yellow fever is increasing in violence at Savannah, Charleston and Augusta, to an extent unparalleled in the history of those cities. The third of the dwellings are abandoned by the whites, who have fled from the pestilence, and left in the charge of their servants, the colored population being generally exempt from its ravages. All business is suspended, but few stores other than those of apothecaries being open, and an air of utter desolation is represented as prevailing everywhere.

Augusta has usually been exempt from visitations of the yellow fever, and its appearance in that city has created the greatest excitement. Every individual has abandoned the telegraphic office, and we can obtain no information but what is to be gathered from frightened citizens, many of whom have made their way to this city, which being on a high range of country, has always been exempt from the pestilence. The neighboring villages are said to be overrun, and although we have not definite news, the disease is said to be prevailing to an alarming extent.

At Charleston it is also increasing, the number of deaths there on Thursday having been 27, and the number is rumored to have been still larger yesterday.

At Savannah there was yesterday 28 deaths by the fever, which is taken into consideration that the white population, does not now exceed 1600 persons, a mortality unparalleled. The death of Bishop Garland, who has been laboring among the sick and administering religious consolation to the dying, has caused most profound regret throughout this section of the country.

CHOLERA IN KNOXVILLE. The Jonesborough Republican of the 21st inst., says, a friend writing to us from Knoxville, 19th ult., says he does not think the Cholera is abating—some days it seems better, and then breaks out again. He says he has seen 40 deaths in all up to the time of his writing, and says there were several other cases then on hand.

FOR SALE.—Mr. F. M. Paul, Editor of the Wadesboro Star, offers that paper for sale. The paper has been published for 5 months, has a fair subscription list, considerable job work, and a large stock of new printing materials. Price \$1,600.

RESIGNED.—Wm. K. Blake, Professor of Mathematics and Natural Science in the Carolina Female College, has resigned, and the Trustees advise for a gentleman to fill his place.

On Tuesday the 19th inst., a Railroad meeting was held at Kingston. The meeting was a very interesting one, and was well attended by the citizens of Lenoir and Greene Counties. We believe that all the influential citizens of Lenoir County, especially those who live on the north side of New River, feel a great interest in this enterprise. The meeting was animated and spirited. Addresses were delivered by George S. Stevenson, Esq., and John D. Whitford, Esq., President of the Lenoir and Greene Railroad, and subscription, and the sum of twenty-five dollars were subscribed in a very short time. There will be no difficulty in raising one hundred thousand in Lenoir.

The fire was extinguished without much damage. Mr. Van Rensselaer prepared some rags saturated with a like mixture, and putting them safely away, in a few hours they broke out into flame. The fact is interesting to painters, colorers, insurance companies, and all concerned.

THE NEW AND MAGNIFICENT STEAMER "City of Philadelphia," about the size of which no merchant vessel has been built, (she having been out 23 days), was stranded in a dreadful gale near Cape Race. The vessel thought to be a total loss. The passengers numbering five hundred, were all saved, and have arrived safe at Halifax.

THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, out 22 days, has arrived safe at Philadelphia.

TO FARMERS.—A writer on Cuba suggested that they train their oxen to push their loads along by having their yokes attached to their horns instead of being compelled to push with their shoulders. It is certain that the strongest strength of every horned animal lies in their horns. This is the custom in Cuba. Why not try it on your next pair of steers, farmer-readers?

LAW AND LAWYERS.—Horne Tooker used to say that law, in his opinion, ought not to be a luxury for the rich, but a remedy to be easily, speedily, and cheaply obtained by the poor. "When, told that the courts of justice were open to all," he replied, "and so is the London Tavern, to such as can pay for the entertainment."

A LOSS.—It is estimated that the rice planters of the South have suffered a loss of \$3,000,000,000 by the late storm.

The Foreign News.

The news from the two steamers, just arrived, is not very important. Breadstuffs have slightly advanced. Turpentine and Spirits are quiet, common Rosin active. There were large transactions in Rice, but at lower prices. Sales of the week 15,000 tierces at 17s. a 20s. The cholera was raging at London. There had been 4,000 deaths.

The expedition against the Crimea had sailed on the 4th inst. It was expected to reach Sebastopol about the 10th. The force consists of 700 war vessels, and 74,000 men. In a short time we expect to hear interesting news from this grand expedition. Sebastopol is the most important point of the Crimea, has been considered almost impregnable, and will be defended by the Russians to the last extremity.

Editors and publishers of Newspapers in the State are requested to send a copy of their respective publications (the latest that can come to hand) to the State Fair at Raleigh, the 17th of October next, for exhibition.

The dwelling-house and kitchen of Mr. John Davis, of Union county, was consumed by fire on Sunday last.

We learn that CHARLES F. FISHER, Esq., of Salisbury has consented to run as the Democratic candidate for that Senatorial District.

The Central Railroad is progressing rapidly. It is finished about five miles on this side of the Depot at Concord. Mr. Ed. Summer, assistant Engineer, informs us that it will be completed to Spencer by Christmas.

The Ravages of the Yellow Fever